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SUBJECT: CELEBRATIONS OF 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ZANZIBAR'S
REVOLUTION

1. THREE PRINCIPAL EVENTS OF JANUARY 11 WERE OFFICIAL OPENINGS OF KARUME HOUSE (ZANZIBAR'S 33 MILLION SHILLING COLOR TV STATION), CHAANI RURAL HOUSING PROJECT, AND CHINESE-BUILT SUGAR MILL AT MAHONDA. JUMBE'S REMARKS AT FIRST EVENT PRAISED KARUME'S VISION IN INITIATING AFRICA'S FIRST COLOR SYSTEM AND INCLUDED PRAISE OF LOCAL TECHNICIANS AND STAFF WHO, WITH ONLY ONE TECHNICAL ADVISOR, HAVE BEEN RUNNING SYSTEM SINCE PART-TIME PROGRAMMING BEGAN IN APRIL 1973. JUMBE INDICATED THAT PROGRAMMING WILL EXPAND SHORTLY AND THAT TV WOULD BE USED MORE FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, BUT DID NOT ELABORATE.

2. OPENING OF CHAANI HOUSING SCHEME ON NORTHERN PART OF ZANZIBAR ISLAND WAS FEATURED BY UNEXPECTED BRIEF ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT NYERERE, WHO LAID FOUNDATION STONE FOR PROJECT IN 1969. CITING MAINLAND RATIO OF 6 PERCENT URBAN AND 94 PERCENT RURAL, NYERERE DESCRIBED PROJECT AS EXAMPLE OF STEPS NEEDED TO REDUCE

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IMBALANCE BETWEEN URBAN AND RURAL STANDARDS OF LIVING, BOTH

IN ZANZIBAR AND TANGANYIKA. NYERERE ALSO PRAISED ZANZIBAR'S EFFORTS AT BUILDING HOUSING RELYING ONLY ON LOCAL MATERIALS AND LABOR, THUS KEEPING COSTS TO A MINIMUM.

3. DELEGATIONS TRAVELED FROM CHAANI TO MAHONDA, WHERE SUGAR SCHEME AND PROCESSING MILL, REPRESENTING PRINCIPAL PRC PROJECT NOW UNDERWAY IN ZANZIBAR, WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED. CHINESE DELEGATE READ LONG MESSAGE TRACING HISTORY OF ZANZIBAR COLONIAL PAST, REVOLUTION, AND SUBSEQUENT ASSOCIATION OF PRC WITH ISLAND'S DEVELOPMENT, INTERSPERSED WITH RATHER STRIDENT EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY ZANZIBARI AND CHINESE OBJECTIVES IN FUTURE STRUGGLES AGAINST COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM, AND OPPRESSION. JUMBE, REPLYING, STRESSED ZANZIBAR'S DETERMINATION TO ATTAIN SELF-RELIANCE IN EVERY POSSIBLE AREA, SUGAR BEING A PRIME EXAMPLE. HE EXPRESSED WARM APPRECIATION FOR CHINESE ASSISTANCE, AND INDICATED THAT HE HOPED SUCH ASSISTANCE WOULD CONTINUE, BUT FAILED TO ASSOCIATE GOZ WITH MORE BROADLY POLITICAL THEMES OFFERED BY CHINESE. JUMBE THEN OFFICIALLY DEDICATED WHAT HAS BEEN NAMED THE "SELF-RELIANCE" (JITEGEMEE) SUGAR PLANT, WHICH IS PLANNED NOT ONLY TO MEET ALL OF ZANZIBAR'S SUGAR NEEDS WITHIN TWO YEARS BUT TO PRODUCE AN EXPORTABLE SURPLUS THEREAFTER. THAT THE MAHONDA OPERATION HAS NOT YET REACHED THE SELF-RELIANT STAGE WAS GRAPHICALLY ILLUSTRATED BY SCORES OF CHINESE TECHNICIANS WHO, ON INAUGURATION DAY, WERE PEERING OUT OF UPPER WINDOWS OR ANXIOUSLY LOOKING OVER THE SHOULDERS OF WORRIED-LOOKING ZANZIBARI FACTORY HANDS.

4. CELEBRATIONS CULMINATED JANUARY 12 WITH REVOLUTION DAY PARADE AT STADIUM AND REVOLUTION DAY ADDRESS BY JUMBE. IN CONTRAST TO FLAMBOYANT, EXTEMPORANEOUS AND AFTEN RAMBLING QUALITIES WHICH CHARACTERIZED KARUME'S REVOLUTION DAY SPEECHES, JUMBE'S PRESENTATION WAS SYSTEMATIC, DETAILED AND RATHER DULL, DEVOTED LARGELY TO EXPOSITION OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PLANS. THERE WERE NO MAJOR SURPRISES, AND REPORTS THAT HE WOULD ANNOUNCE RELEASE OF FORMER ZNP LEADER ALI MUHSIN AND OTHERS FAILED TO MATERIALIZE, ALTHOUGH HE STATED IN JANUARY 12 INTERVIEW IN UHURU THAT RELEASES OF POLITICAL AND OTHER PRISONERS CAN BE EXPECTED. MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS OF 10TH ANNIVERSARY PROCEEDINGS WILL FOLLOW BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

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